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Timely Tidbits ...

"Kids Day" Planned

Dr. Jeremiah Shaft of True Health Chiropractic (9340 Wayne Road, Romulus) will sponsor a Kids Day America program on Saturday, September 23, from 12 to 3 p.m. The event will feature free food, giveaways, and prize-drawings, as well as free child ID cards and photos, fingerprinting by the Romulus Police Department, and free dental and spinal-health screenings. Proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Romulus. For more information, call Shaft at 734-941-2211 or visit www.childrenswellness.com.

Preschool/Child Care

Registration is now being accepted for the Romulus Community Schools' Early Childhood programs, including My Friends & Me, Michigan School Readiness, Before & After School Care, and Elementary School Latchkey. For details and fees, call Gail Blanchard at 734-532-1940.

Walkers Wanted

Area residents who want to help fight hunger are invited to take part in the annual Belleville/Romulus CROP Walk, which will take place on Sunday, October 1. The 6.2-mile walk from Community United Methodist Church in Romulus to Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville will begin at 1 p.m.

"Once again, Belleville/Romulus will join an interfaith community comprised of some 2,000 cities and towns nationwide that have banded together through CROP Walk to help stop hunger," said spokesperson Gwen Post. "Our local group has set a goal of 400 walkers, and hopes to raise \$30,000 to feed the hungry in our community and around the world."

According to Post, a portion of the funds raised locally will go to the Helping Hand of Romulus, the Belleville Emergency Food Closet, the Belleville Church of God Food Pantry, and St. Vincent DePaul.

For more information, or to purchase a "Walking Together" T-shirt, call Post at 734-699-9772.

Parade, Pumpkin Festival To Draw Big Crowds

The 10th Annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival – to be held in the downtown area along Goddard Road between Shook and Romaine – will run from September 15–17.

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On Friday, the festival will kick off with the eighth annual "Parade of Lights" – a shimmering spectacle that will depart from the City Hall parking lot (corner of Wayne and Goddard roads) at 8 p.m., then wind down Goddard to Five Points. Last year's parade was an enormous success enjoyed by thousands of on-lookers, and this year's event promises to be bigger and *brighter* than ever!

According to the Romulus Rotary Club, which sponsors the parade, prizes will be awarded to the best entry in each of three categories:

- people- and/or animal-powered
- motorized
- commercial

Following the parade, winners will be announced at Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga), where refreshments will be served courtesy of the Progressive Club.

For more information (including parade rules), or to download a parade entry form, visit www.romulusrotary.org. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 13.

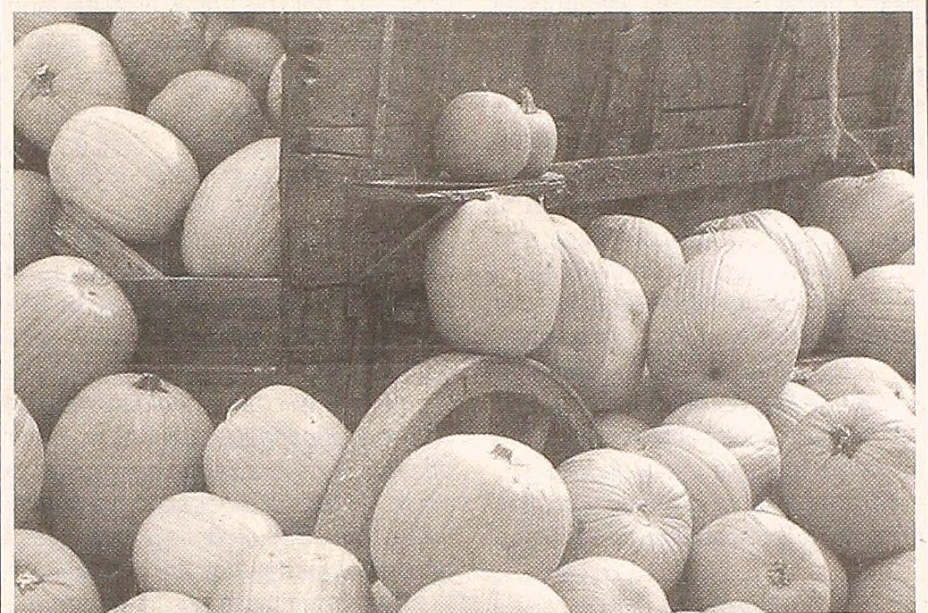
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The remainder of the weekend will feature entertainment, games, contests, hayrides, craft exhibits, and other street-fair attractions – and, of course, pumpkins. You won't want to miss a minute of fabulous, family-oriented fun!

The following is a *tentative* schedule of events for the Romulus Pumpkin Festival; schedule is subject to change. For further details, including contest rules and a copy of the City's "special events" ordinance, pick up a festival booklet at Romulus City Hall or the Romulus Recreation Center, located at 11189 Shook Road. Booklets should be available no later than Monday, September 11.

Romulus Teen Idol

New this year is "Romulus Teen Idols," a contest for ages 13 to 17. Semifinalists (chosen from videotaped "auditions" submitted by young Romulus vocalists) will perform at the festival on Saturday at 2 p.m., with three finalists returning to compete at 3:30 p.m. the following day. The winner will receive a cash prize and trophy.



The 10th annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival – which will begin on Friday, September 15, and run through Sunday, September 17 – will feature entertainment, games, contests, hayrides, craft exhibits, and other street-fair attractions – and, of course, pumpkins. (For more information, please see the schedule on page 9.)

Bingo Benefits New Animal Shelter

The Friends of the Romulus Animal Shelter's 50/50 Bingo Benefit is back again to raise money for the construction of a new facility for our favorite furry friends. Play bingo at the Romulus Senior Center (located at Bibbins and Shook) on Friday from 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday from noon to midnight, and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

City Councilman Bill Wadsworth is asking local animal lovers to volunteer their help for the event. Contact him at 734-941-0616.

Musical Entertainment (Goddard and Shook)

- "The Mayor's Band" – featuring Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert on drums (Fri., 6 p.m.)
- "Trilogy" (Fri., 8 p.m.)
- "Vinnie and the Other Guys" (Sat., 12 p.m.)
- "Straight Ahead" (Sat., 3 p.m.)
- "Groove: Essential" (Sat., 5 p.m.)
- "Shirley Franklin & the Delta Drive Blues" (Sat., 7 p.m.)
- "Channel 6" (Sat., 9 p.m.)
- "Second Wind" (Sun., 12 p.m.)
- "Paisley Frog" (Sun., 2 p.m.)
- "Waco" (Sun., 4:30 p.m.)

Teen Tent (Goddard between Olive and Romaine)

- "Frayer Productions" DJ music, coin-operated games, and photo booth (Sat., 7 to 11 p.m.)

Other Attractions

- "Cruisin'" Car Show (Goddard and Hunt; Sat., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; to enter, call 734-941-1727)
- Romulus Library's Used-book Sale – adult hardcovers for \$1.25, adult paperbacks for \$.50 to \$.75, children's books for \$.35, and DVDs/CDs/videos/records for \$1; "Bargain Bagfuls" (\$2.25) available on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. (Goddard and Olive; Sat., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sun., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Rollerblade Hockey Tournament – sponsored by Romulus Wesleyan Church (Elmer Johnson Park, Ozga south of Wick; Sat., 11 a.m.)
- 3-on-3 Basketball (Five Points; Sat., 10 a.m.)

Contests

All entries must be brought to the Romulus Recreation Building (11189 Shook) by 4 p.m. Friday. Winners will be announced at the Hospitality Tent on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-8665.

- Canning (tomatoes, green beans, pickles, and fruit)
- Pie Baking (pumpkin, sweet potato, apple, and peach)
- Pumpkin Growing (largest)
- Sunflower Growing (single-blossom only; largest face and tallest)

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Letter to the Editor

Mayor Not a "Union Man," Says Reader

An open letter to Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert:

Mayor Lambert, you claim to be a union person, but yet you want to get rid of union jobs. I heard that you want to replace union janitor jobs with outside contractors. We had nine union janitors, and now we have four left. You want to keep the four we have and outsource the other five union jobs with nonunion workers. If you were worried about attrition, you shouldn't have given out 20% raises and your own \$10,000 raise, and kept the union jobs here in the City.

Mayor Lambert, this is a union city with blue-collar workers. I hope that, next election, the union workers remember your getting rid of union jobs. The United Auto Workers endorsed you, the Teamsters endorsed you, and a number of other unions endorsed you, plus the Romulus Democratic Club endorsed

you. I just hope that the union people of Romulus know you're not a union-backing person, and let their feelings be shown come election time at the polls.

You're taking care of salaried positions, but not the union brothers and sisters. You took care of the chiefs; now the indians will suffer.

Sincerely,
John Clark
Romulus

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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Wednesday, August 9, through Sunday, August 27. (Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Wednesday, August 9

- 12:24 a.m. – Property Damage/ Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 5:49 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15500 Meadow)
- 9:23 a.m. – Drug-related Activity/ Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:36 a.m. – Larceny (block of 29000 Whitby Dr.)
- 11:18 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 34400 Wick)
- 1:31 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30200 Kipling)
- 3:50 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile) (block of 28900 Cullen Dr.)
- 5:00 p.m. – UDAA (block of 15600 Anthony)
- 5:28 p.m. – Rescue (block of 6750 Merriman)
- 6:23 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34500 Stewart)
- 8:50 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/ Runaway (JC/R) (block of 15000 Streamway)
- 9:35 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:35 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 28000 Willowtree)
- 10:07 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6110 Second)
- 10:37 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 11:09 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 35500 Ecorse)
- 11:58 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15700 Harrison)

Thursday, August 10

- 12:46 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6160 Second)
- 1:44 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 30600 Teak Ln.)
- 6:42 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15800 Springhill)
- 7:50 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Streamway)
- 10:02 a.m. – JC/R (block of 35700 Park Place)
- 11:07 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16200 Harrison)

- 2:08 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 34300 Lynn)
- 3:28 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6330 Beverly Plaza)
- 4:29 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:30 p.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (block of 23500 Sumpter)
- 5:59 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 16700 Heather)
- 6:30 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 16200 Oak Tree)
- 6:33 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 10000 Miriam)
- 7:05 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 29000 River Oak)
- 7:13 p.m. – Kidnapping (block of 35700 Park Place)
- 9:40 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 10:09 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Knoll Way)
- 10:34 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35700 Sussex Ct.)

Friday, August 11

- 1:43 a.m. – 911 Cellular (block of 15800 Merriman)
- 1:53 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 36900 Goddard)
- 2:17 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 7780 Merriman)
- 6:23 a.m. – Larceny (block of 33200 Gateway Dr.)
- 7:45 a.m. – Larceny (block of 31900 Beverly)
- 9:03 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 30800 Smith)
- 10:30 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:35 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6000 Second)
- 1:49 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 2:44 p.m. – Larceny (block of 28700 Pennsylvania)

- 4:27 p.m. – Larceny (block of 11000 Wayne)
- 4:37 p.m. – Larceny (block of 7170 Merriman)
- 6:11 p.m. – Dumping/Littering (block of 38200 Wick)
- 9:38 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 28600 Zellmer)
- 9:50 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27400 Goddard)

Saturday, August 12

- 12:48 a.m. – JC/R (block of 29400 Leroy)
- 1:37 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 10000 Diane)
- 1:40 a.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 1:55 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 29200 Whisper Ct.)
- 5:38 a.m. – Fight (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 6:09 a.m. – B&E (block of 16700 Heather Blvd.)
- 7:14 a.m. – UDAA (block of 5930 Middlebelt)
- 7:51 a.m. – Larceny (block of 11300 Inkster)
- 11:52 a.m. – B&E (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:54 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:11 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 4:26 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15300 Colbert)
- 6:21 p.m. – Larceny (block of 39200 Montana)
- 7:17 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 36000 Goddard)
- 7:48 p.m. – VPHC (Inkster)
- 7:58 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 31700 Henry Ruff)
- 8:51 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6740 Gloria)

- 9:14 p.m. – Larceny (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 9:28 p.m. – JC/R (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 9:48 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 35700 Bibbins)
- 9:55 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 34700 Lynn)
- 10:15 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 36500 Ecorse)
- 10:51 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 30900 Ecorse)
- 11:07 p.m. – UDAA (reported at RPD headquarters)

Sunday, August 13

- 12:25 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 30900 Ecorse)
- 1:45 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 35700 Ecorse)
- 1:58 a.m. – OUIL (block of 8600 Merriman)
- 2:16 a.m. – OUIL (block of 11000 Inkster)
- 2:53 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 34600 Julie)
- 11:46 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7100 Merriman)
- 1:08 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 34600 Julie)
- 1:35 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34600 Lynn)
- 1:47 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 39100 Chase)
- 2:36 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 3:29 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 35400 Avalon)
- 4:03 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15900 Meadow)
- 5:26 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 6830 Homefield)
- 8:00 p.m. – A&B (block of 5910 Airborne)
- 8:07 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9500 Barry)

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- 8:16 p.m. – Trespassing
(block of 33700 Henry Ruff)
- 9:02 p.m. – Fight
(block of 28400 Halecreek)\
- 10:14 p.m. – Missing Person
(block of 11400 Delano)
- 11:28 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6000 Second)
- 11:29 p.m. – Fight
(block of 35500 Margaret)

Monday, August 14

- 3:09 a.m. – B&E
(block of 39100 Buckingham Dr.)
- 3:23 a.m. – B&E
(block of 6940 Carson)
- 6:55 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 28400 Highland)
- 8:32 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 27400 Pennsylvania)
- 9:44 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 35200 Smith)
- 10:28 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 38600 Ecorse)
- 10:41 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 7060 Birchdale)
- 11:53 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 35100 Lynn)
- 12:08 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 35900 Bibbins)
- 12:24 p.m. – Missing Person
(block of 11400 Delano)
- 1:01 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 15300 Orchard)
- 1:32 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 15000 Colbert)
- 4:14 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 15600 Sandburg)
- 4:26 p.m. – Larceny
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:50 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 9000 Gabriel)
- 9:38 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 6140 Second)
- 9:51 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 28500 Burning Tree Place)
- 10:42 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6220 Dexter)

Tuesday, August 15

- 1:30 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6060 Airborne)
- 2:08 a.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 9500 Middlebelt)

- 9:49 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 10:09 a.m. – Wires Down
(block of 5800 Wayne)
- 11:43 a.m. – Threats
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:58 a.m. – Robbery
(block of 6970 Niagara)
- 11:58 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 34400 Beverly)
- 12:58 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 28600 Hildebrandt)
- 2:35 p.m. – Threats
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:11 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 35500 N. Alexander)
- 3:20 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 15000 Knoll Way)
- 3:33 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 10000 Romaine)
- 4:54 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 30500 Dru)
- 5:12 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 9450 Terry)
- 5:25 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 6770 Merriman)
- 6:52 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 9010 Cogswell)
- 8:13 p.m. – B&E
(block of 8390 Wahrman)
- 10:51 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 9330 Biddle)
- 11:08 p.m. – B&E
(block of 30200 Cherry)
- 11:20 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 9820 Tobine)

Wednesday, August 16

- 1:13 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 6110 Second)
- 1:26 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 6350 Edmund)
- 6:48 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 16800 Braeburn Dr.)
- 7:36 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 6330 Beverly Plaza)
- 8:48 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 37600 Walnut)
- 8:55 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 28700 Pennsylvania)
- 9:31 a.m. – Medical Assistance
(block of 35900 Beverly)
- 10:26 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 28700 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 11:25 a.m. – Trespassing
(block of 9300 Wayne)
- 12:50 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 6010 Airborne)
- 1:42 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 11500 Hunt)
- 2:32 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle
(ORV) Complaint
(block of 34900 Julie)
- 3:28 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 9200 Wayne)
- 5:33 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:31 p.m. – B&E
(block of 11400 Hunt)
- 7:20 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 9410 Karen)
- 7:53 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 15600 Harrison)

- 8:48 p.m. – Shots Fired
(block of 15600 Isabelle)
- 9:30 p.m. – Shots Fired
(block of 10000 Ozga)
- 11:59 p.m. – Missing Person
(block of 11300 Hunt)

Thursday, August 17

- 3:08 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 5940 Panam)
- 6:28 a.m. – B&E
(block of 8500 Wickham)
- 6:46 a.m. – Trespassing
(block of 16200 Harrison)
- 7:41 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 7660 Merriman)
- 9:13 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 11:21 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6050 Biddle)
- 12:17 p.m. – Threats
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:28 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:36 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 34400 Beverly)
- 9:57 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 35400 Garner)
- 10:38 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6540 Gloria)
- 11:34 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 6540 Gloria)

Friday, August 18

- 5:29 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 35600 Stephanie)
- 7:24 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 7660 Merriman)
- 8:39 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 15000 Plain Way)
- 11:53 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 7070 Niagara)
- 12:43 p.m. – Robbery Alarm
(block of 10900 Wayne)
- 2:03 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 37500 Huron River Dr.)
- 2:34 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 6100 Wayne)
- 3:31 p.m. – Missing Person
(block of 34700 Michele)
- 3:44 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 38400 Huron River Dr.)
- 5:04 p.m. – Missing Person
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:07 p.m. – A&B
(block of 9510 Biddle)
- 11:48 p.m. – Harassment
Complaint
(block of 31200 Ecorse)

Saturday, August 19

- 1:33 a.m. – Shots Fired
(block of 11200 Gabriel)
- 3:15 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 7680 Merriman)
- 7:58 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6010 Colorado)
- 10:18 a.m. – Threats
(block of 38800 Huron River Dr.)
- 12:10 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 9270 Wayne)
- 12:12 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 1:14 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 38700 Cody)

- 1:56 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 28000 Willowtree)
- 2:00 p.m. – Failure to Return
Rented Vehicle
(block of 29100 Wick)
- 2:39 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8230 Merriman)
- 3:13 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 28700 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 3:41 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 34500 Stewart)
- 5:15 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 36500 Goddard)
- 10:52 p.m. – Fight
(block of 5800 Gloria)
- 11:21 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6400 Gloria)

Sunday, August 20

- 1:10 a.m. – Loud Music
(block of 12000 Hunt)
- 5:30 a.m. – Shots Fired
(block of 12000 Wahrman)
- 10:47 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 7070 Niagara)
- 1:40 p.m. – Rescue
(block of 8280 Wayne)
- 1:47 p.m. – Trespassing
(block of 33900 Ecorse)
- 3:08 p.m. – B&E
(block of 15600 Harriet)
- 7:14 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 9510 Biddle)
- 7:16 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 16000 Orchard)
- 8:24 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 34800 Malcolm)
- 9:24 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 34600 Malcolm)
- 9:27 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 9:31 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 9460 Karen)
- 9:39 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 8600 Wickham)
- 9:48 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 8800 Wickham)

Monday, August 21

- 1:30 a.m. – Robbery
(block of 8500 Wickham)
- 3:16 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 7:28 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 7660 Merriman)
- 8:16 a.m. – Rescue
(block of 28800 Highland)
- 3:03 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 16200 Middlebelt)
- 4:35 p.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 16200 Harrison)
- 4:52 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 35000 Park Place)
- 5:38 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 29100 Wick)
- 5:41 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 15100 Harrison)
- 5:59 p.m. – B&E
(block of 13500 Cogswell)
- 7:26 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15100 Mountain Way)
- 10:13 p.m. – Shots Fired
(block of 8500 Wayne)

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Romulus Community Schools Will Honor Retirees

Dick Kruse, spokesperson for the Romulus Community Schools, has announced that the district will soon be honoring a number of recent retirees, including Romulus High School secretary Barbara "Bonnie" Bossidis, Community High School computer teacher Ethel Carver, RHS custodian Ella Coleman, and Romulus Middle School cafeteria staff members Sally Manning and Karen McFall.

Bonnie Bossidis

Bonnie Bossidis served the district for 27 years with secretary assignments at Head Start, Cory Elementary, Romulus Middle School, and Romulus High School. She received frequent commendations for her organization of events like the Academic Breakfast, the Parent Volunteer Dinner, and commencement programs. She was also recognized for her "attention to detail" in her work on the Student of the Month program, Senior Awards Night, the Senior Brunch, and employee recognition ceremonies.

Bossidis was additionally lauded for donating her own time to programs such as the Business Professionals of America regional conference, the Cultural Diversity Symposium, and the school audit. She was further congratulated for her exemplary evaluations for consistently exceeding district job standards in the areas of efficient office management and verbal, written, and technical skills.

Ethel Carver

Ethel Carver worked six years as a computer teacher at Community High School. She received commendations for "making many important contributions to the technology program" and for her "professional manner." Carver was also recognized for her "neat, student-centered classroom that presented lessons at the proper levels for all her students," and for "being a team player who worked with her colleagues to provide the best educational opportunities for her students."

Carver came to the Romulus Community Schools with 31 years of teaching experience in the Southgate, Wyandotte, Trenton, and Melvindale-Northern Allen Park school districts.

Ella Coleman

Ella Coleman worked for the district for 29 years as a custodian at Mt. Pleasant, North Junior High, and Romulus High School. She received frequent commendations for her "hard work and dedication" and for her perfect attendance records.

Coleman was also recognized for her excellent daily work and for the cleanliness of her work areas. She was additionally praised for the "great job" she did at organizing the RHS field house and atrium for commencement ceremonies, and for completing the Asbestos Awareness Training Program.



Barbara "Bonnie" Bossidis



Sally Manning



Karen McFall

Karen McFall

Karen McFall served Romulus students, district coworkers, and community members for 26 years as a member of the cafeteria staff. She was praised as "highly effective" during her assignments of meat packer and head cook at Romulus Middle School.

McFall was also commended for her outstanding work preparing for special occasions such as the Parent Volunteer Recognition Reception, and for her exceptional work ethic as evidenced by her frequent perfect attendance records. She was additionally lauded for "consistently performing her duties with care, pride, and dignity."

Sally Manning

Sally Manning served Romulus students, district coworkers, and community members for 21 years as a member of the cafeteria staff. She enjoyed work assignments that included cook at Barth Elementary, and meat packer and assistant cook at Romulus Middle School.

Manning was frequently commended for her perfect attendance records, and for the "dedication and professionalism" she showed preparing a special dinner for the Wayne County School Board Association. She was also praised as "an excellent employee whose skills and loyalty are a vital part of our total school program." □

Adult & Community Ed Class Registration

Romulus Adult & Community Education is currently accepting registration for GED testing and preparation classes, as well as Certified Nurse Assistant training and the high-school completion program. For details, check the brochure that was recently mailed to all Romulus and Belleville households (also available at district buildings and the Romulus Public Library), or call 734-532-1953. □

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The Police Blotter

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Tuesday, August 22

- 12:54 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 10:05 a.m. – A&B
(block of 5910 Turbo)
- 11:42 a.m. – Man with a Weapon
(block of 7080 Niagara)
- 3:00 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 9460 Biddle)
- 4:44 p.m. – Man with a Weapon
(block of 7070 Middlebelt)
- 5:48 p.m. – Pursuit
(block of 27400 Eureka)
- 6:51 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 8100 Middlebelt)
- 7:53 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 34700 Malcolm)
- 8:50 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9430 Karen)
- 8:53 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 30500 Redwood)
- 9:42 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 8530 Whitehorn)
- 9:57 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 35000 Michelle)
- 11:44 p.m. – A&B
(block of 15000 Streamway)

Wednesday, August 23

- 12:05 a.m. – OUIL
(block of 8910 Middlebelt)
- 7:49 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6230 Second)
- 8:06 a.m. – Vagrant
(block of 27400 Van Born)
- 10:24 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 16200 Middlebelt)
- 12:16 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 27800 Wick)
- 12:38 p.m. – Threats
(block of 6710 Merriman)
- 12:40 p.m. – Threats
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:30 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8030 Merriman)
- 1:45 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 7100 Wayne)
- 2:00 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 2:36 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 12100 Huron River Dr.)
- 3:25 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 30600 Eureka)
- 5:08 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 31900 Beverly)
- 6:07 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 32200 Beverly)
- 6:12 p.m. – ORV Complaint
(block of 16200 Hillsbriar)
- 7:20 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 32300 Beverly)
- 8:37 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 35800 Beverly)
- 9:32 p.m. – B&E
(block of 15600 Orchard)

Thursday, August 24

- 6:32 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 33200 Gateway)
- 8:33 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 6990 Canyon)
- 9:44 a.m. – UDAA
(block of 29100 Wick)

- 11:08 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 28100 Leroy)
- 1:39 p.m. – Motorist Assistance
(block of 10500 Wayne)
- 3:00 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 31700 Henry Ruff)
- 3:58 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:05 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 8500 Wickham)
- 5:55 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 7:26 p.m. – Rescue
(block of 37400 Walnut)
- 8:55 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 9460 Biddle)
- 9:03 p.m. – Fight
(block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 9:04 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:56 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 16400 Oakbrook)
- 10:38 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 33300 Swan Lake Ct.)

Friday, August 25

- 7:01 a.m. – Trespassing
(block of 27400 Van Born)
- 7:30 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 8600 Wickham)
- 8:37 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6070 Colorado)
- 9:24 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 12:18 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 14700 New York)
- 3:43 p.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect
(block of 29200 Whisper Ct.)
- 4:11 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 10000 Wayne)
- 4:25 p.m. – B&E
(block of 34000 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 4:46 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 27500 Wick)
- 6:19 p.m. – Fight
(block of 37300 Wick)
- 7:08 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6930 Metroplex)
- 8:59 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:52 p.m. – B&E
(block of 28700 Wick)
- 10:21 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 38800 Huron River Dr.)
- 11:19 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 29100 Ecorse)
- 11:36 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 35300 Beverly)

Saturday, August 26

- 5:10 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 35200 Michele)
- 7:06 a.m. – Threats
(block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 7:21 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 8600 Merriman)
- 10:49 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 11000 Whitehorn)
- 12:00 p.m. – Health & Safety
(block of 6710 Merriman)
- 12:50 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 15900 Orchard)
- 12:51 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 30500 Eureka)

- 2:07 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 7890 Surrey Dr.)
- 2:22 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 30600 Flynn Dr.)
- 3:46 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 9770 Wayne)
- 6:01 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 7280 Farnum)
- 6:22 p.m. – Trespassing
(block of 31800 Smith)
- 6:25 p.m. – Dumping/Littering
(block of 30600 Henry Ruff)
- 8:04 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 15300 Collins)
- 8:38 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 6370 Hyde Park)
- 8:44 p.m. – Rescue
(block of 35400 Garner)
- 8:58 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 16000 Harrison)
- 9:44 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 16100 Harrison)
- 11:14 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 27400 Ecorse)

Sunday, August 27

- 12:15 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8300 Whitehorn)
- 1:00 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 30600 Redwood)
- 4:14 a.m. – B&E
(block of 15800 Colbert)
- 8:38 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 28300 Heather Way)
- 8:53 a.m. – Fight
(block of 38400 Van Born)
- 9:29 a.m. – Criminal Sexual
Conduct (CSC)
(Burton)
- 9:53 a.m. – CSC
(block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 11:50 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 16000 Farnum)
- 2:15 p.m. – Fight
(block of 27500 Goddard)
- 2:53 p.m. – Health & Safety
(block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 5:07 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 38100 Tyler)
- 7:10 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 36400 Ecorse)
- 9:34 p.m. – B&E
(block of 6000 Georgia) □

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Romulus High School's Student Leaders Prepare For New Year



Stefanie Carpenter (third from left), Student Government faculty advisor, introduced this year's Student Council officers: (from left) Rebecca Lewkowicz, secretary; Jennifer Logan, vice-president; James McGlynn, treasurer; Erika Wasson, Public Relations coordinator; and Courtnee Briggs, president.



Faculty and student leaders of Romulus High School's senior class (2007) include: (from left) front – Jessica Dick, Monay Smith, Tamila Myles, Mara Thorne, Tiffany Gray, and Christie Pagel (class advisor); back – Jason Britton, Jennifer Dick, Shawn Shiven, Courtnee Briggs, Kiara Carter, Yetunde Emanuel, and Erika Wasson.

Stefanie Carpenter, Student Government faculty advisor at Romulus High School, reports that RHS student leadership groups are ready for the 2006–2007 school year. Student Government groups include the Student and Council and Class Representatives.

According to Carpenter, this year's

Student Council elected officers are: Courtnee Briggs, president; Jennifer Logan, vice-president; Rebecca Lewkowicz, secretary; James McGlynn, treasurer; and Erika Wasson, Public Relations coordinator. These student leaders had to submit applications with at least 50 student signatures, teacher rec-

ommendations, and grade point information before being placed on a school-wide ballot last spring. They also had to videotape a speech, which was played for the student body before the election.

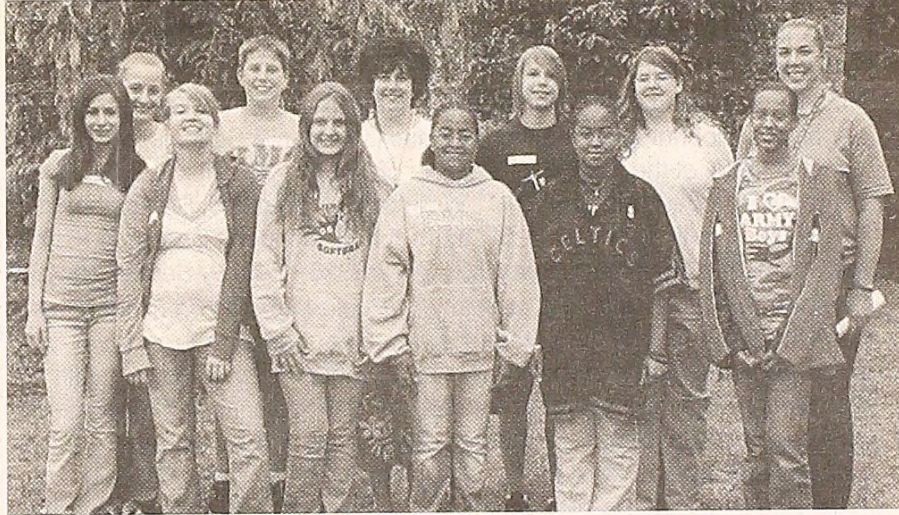
"We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of leaders at RHS this year," said Carpenter. "Thirty students attend-

ed our two-day leadership camp at Camp Copneconic in Flint. We developed a good approach to leadership, and worked on team-building activities such as the rope course, wall climbing, zip lines, kayaking, and archery.

"I am looking forward to a great year," she concluded.



Faculty advisors Shannon Collum-Mullins (left) and Alexia Mancilla (right) introduced the leaders of the Class of 2009: (from left) Quindai Christopher, David Forbush, James McGlynn, Derek Bennett, Gary Nemeth, and Hailey Mangrum.



Class of 2010 leaders, introduced by advisor Robyn Golden (right), are: (from left) front – Sheila Watts, Leanne Dawson, Amber Sears, Tierra Garrison, Tamara Garrison, and Elea'ele Buford; back – Ashley Wagle, Justin Jadzinski, Karen Isaacson, John Lewkowicz, and Karli Gibson.

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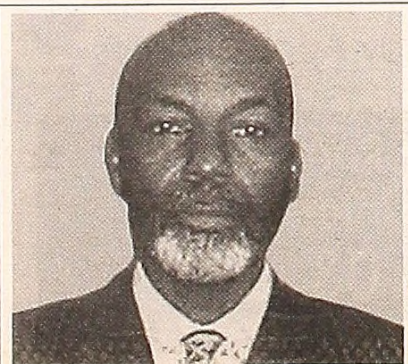
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- **Post Office Seeks Phone Cards for Wounded Soldiers** – New Romulus Postmaster Karen Hicks and her staff at the Romulus Post Office (located on Hunt Street in downtown Romulus) are inviting area residents to join their continuing efforts to send prepaid telephone cards to wounded American soldiers who are hospitalized far away from loved ones. Since hospitals like Walter Reed Army Medical Center don't offer patients long-distance phone privileges, the soldiers must call their family members and friends collect or use phone cards to stay in touch. Cards may be purchased at the post office (\$10 for 100 minutes, \$20 for \$250 minutes, or \$30 for 450 minutes) or elsewhere. Cash donations of any amount are also welcome, and will be pooled to purchase additional cards. For more information, call 734-941-3439.
- **Weekend Flea Markets** – The Wayne County Fairgrounds (10871 Quirk Rd., near I-94 and Belleville Rd.) will host an indoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through September. Crafters and vendors can rent space (\$10 per day) by calling Mary at 734-697-7002.
- **September Sermon Series** – During the month of September, Pastor Mark Miller of Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive, across from the Police Department) will continue his series of messages in conjunction with the church's Open Doors program. Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:45 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m. A coffee reception will follow the worship service. Series topics will include: *Open Minds* (September 10), *Open Doors* (September 17), and *Family Values Redefined* (September 24). For more information, call the church office at 734-941-0736.
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's new Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library, or library staff members can assist you in getting an interlibrary loan. Books planned for upcoming discussions are: *Eva Moves the Furniture* by Margot Livesey (November 13), and *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway (December 11). For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- **New Superintendent to Speak at Luncheon** – Carl J. Weiss, recently appointed superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools, will be the guest speaker at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce's next luncheon, to be held at the Best Western (9191 Wickham) on Tuesday, September 19. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m.; lunch at noon. Cost is \$15 for members; \$18 for nonmembers. RSVP (734-326-4290) by September 15.
- **"Preschool Story Time"** – The Romulus Public Library's Preschool Story Time program – open to all children between the ages of three and five – will begin later this month at the library (11121 South Wayne Road, south of Goddard). Parents may choose between the evening session (Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. from September 19 through October 24) and the morning session (Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. from September 20 through October 25). Although the program is free, preregistration is required. Call 734-942-7589.
- **Romulus Head Start Still Accepting Registrations** – The Romulus Head Start program is still accepting registrations for the 2006–2007 school year. To register his/her child (age 3 or 4 as of December 1, 2006), a parent/guardian must provide the following information: parent's driver's license/State ID, Social Security cards for both the parent and the child, the child's birth certificate and immunization records, the child's health insurance card, the name and phone number of the child's doctor and dentist, and family income verification (W2, 1040, FIA breakdown, etc.). Registrations may be made at the Burton Center (35408 Beverly Road) any weekday (except holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please allow 60 to 90 minutes to complete all the necessary forms. For more information, call 734-532-1903.
- **Nursery Accepting Applications** – Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery, a nonprofit organization located in St. Paul's Lutheran Church (corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston), is still accepting applications for the new school year, which will begin September 11. To register your child, age 36 months to 5 years, call 734-753-5978.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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- Sack Races (Sat., 1:30 p.m.)
- Treasure Hunt (Sat., 2:30 p.m.)
- Giant Airplane Races (Sun., 12:30 p.m.)
- Pie Eating (Sun., 1:30 p.m.)
- Marshmallow Races (Sun., 2:30 p.m.)

Historical Highlights

The City of Romulus, the Romulus Historical Commission, and the Romulus Historical Society will co-sponsor the following free events in Historic Park (Hunt Street south of the post office):

- exhibit of composite class photos from Romulus High School, 1927 through 1970s (Sat., 12 to 5 p.m., historic freight house)
- lap-hoop quilting and tatting demonstrations by local stitchers (Sat., 12 to 5 p.m., Samuel R. Kingsley house)
- candle-making demonstrations (Sat., 12 to 5 p.m., outdoors)
- telegraph display (Sat., 12 to 5 p.m., historic freight house)
- "1949 Caboose" tours (Sat., 12 to 5 p.m.)
- clowns, face-painting, and animal balloons (Sat., 2 p.m.)
- Historic house tours – observe secret trap doors! (Sun., 12 to 5 p.m.)
- dulcimer/guitar music performed by the Golden Griffon Stringtet (Sun., 12 to 2 p.m.)



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- "Underground Railroad Storytelling" by Jacqueline Blake – hear true stories of escape, learn songs and secret codes, and discover how Romulus participated in the Underground Railroad! (Sun., 2 p.m.)

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- Spaghetti Dinner – children under 5 eat free! (Community United Methodist Church, Olive and Bibbins; Sat., 4 to 7 p.m.) □

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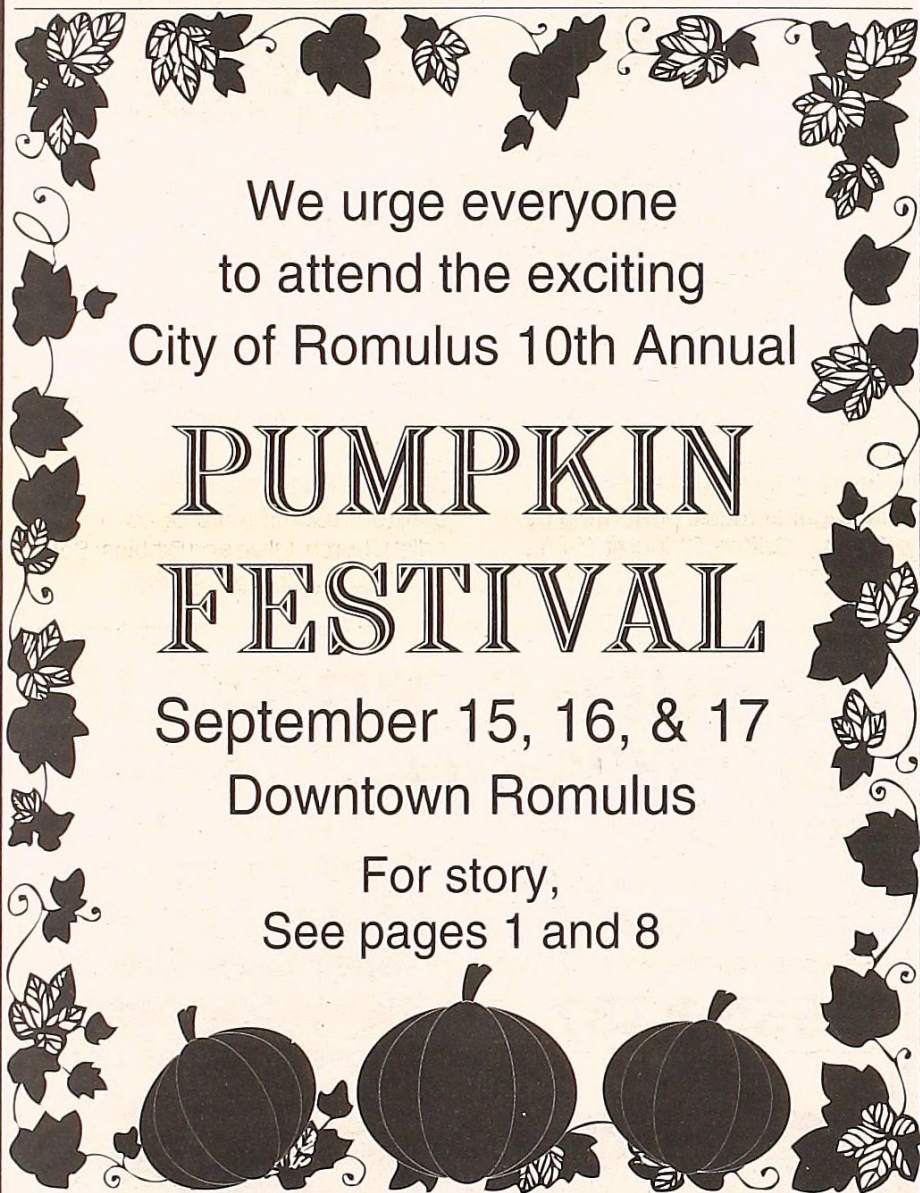
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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

- 5:00 – 12:00 p.m. Bingo at the new Senior Center (Bibbins & Shook)
- 6:00 p.m. "The Mayor's Band" (Goddard & Shook)
- 8:00 p.m. Parade of Lights (Goddard from Wayne to Five Points)
- 8:00 p.m. "Trilogy" (Goddard & Shook)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

- 10:00 a.m. Three-on-Three Basketball (Five Points)
- 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Used-book Sale (Goddard & Olive)
- 11:00 a.m. Roller Hockey Tournament at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga between Tyler & McBride)
- 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cruisin' Car Show (Goddard & Hunt)
- 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Chicken Dinner at Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga)
- 12:00 p.m. "Vinnie and the Other Guys" (Goddard & Shook)
- 12:00–5 p.m. Exhibits/Demonstrations/Tours at Historical Park – RHS class photos, lap-hoop quilting and tatting, candle-making, telegraph display, caboose tours (Hunt south of the post office)
- 12:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m. Bingo at the new Senior Center (Bibbins & Shook)
- 12:30 p.m. Pumpkin-rolling Contest (Goddard & Olive)
- 1:30 p.m. Sack Races (Goddard & Olive)
- 2:00 p.m. "Teen Idols" Semifinalists (Goddard & Shook)
- 2:00 p.m. Clowns, Face-painting, and Balloons at Historical Park (Hunt south of the post office)
- 2:30 p.m. Treasure Hunt (Goddard & Olive)
- 3:00 p.m. "Straight Ahead" (Goddard & Shook)
- 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner at Community United Methodist Church (Olive & Bibbins)
- 5:00 p.m. "Groove: Essential" (Goddard & Shook)
- 7:00 p.m. "Shirley Franklin & the Delta Drive Blues" (Goddard & Shook)
- 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. "Teen Tent" – Frayer Productions DJ music, coin-operated games, and photo booth (Goddard between Olive and Romaine)
- 9:00 p.m. "Channel 6" (Goddard & Shook)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

- 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Used-book Sale (Goddard & Olive)
- 12:00 p.m. "Second Wind" (Goddard & Shook)
- 12:00–2 p.m. "Golden Griffon Stringtet" at Historical Park (Hunt south of the post office)
- 12:00–5 p.m. Historic House Tours at Historical Park (Hunt south of the post office)
- 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bingo at the new Senior Center (Bibbins & Shook)
- 12:30 p.m. Giant Airplane Races (Goddard & Olive)
- 1:30 p.m. Pie-eating Contest (Goddard & Olive)
- 2:00 p.m. "Paisley Frog" (Goddard & Shook)
- 2:00 p.m. "Underground Railroad Storytelling" by Jacqueline Blake at Historical Park (Hunt south of the post office)
- 2:30 p.m. Marshmallow Races (Goddard & Olive)
- 3:30 p.m. "Teen Idols" Finalists (Goddard & Shook)
- 4:30 p.m. "Waco" (Goddard & Shook)

District Honors Employees for Reaching Service Milestones

Superintendent Carl J. Weiss welcomed more than 500 returning Romulus Community Schools employees during the district's annual "opening of the school year" program, held in the Romulus High School auditorium. The district's new top administrator was joined by Business and Operations director Sherri Papazoglou, Human Resources director Edward Clark, and Curriculum director Tom Dolan.

After introducing himself, Weiss talked about the importance of all employees working together to provide students and their parents with a "user-friendly" school district.

"You should all strive to be the best parts of our children's lives," he told staff members. "You can make their day with a smile and a friendly greeting."

Following Weiss's remarks, Dolan gave an overview of summer MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program), Education YES! and Adequate Yearly Progress results, and Papazoglou reviewed the district's current finances. Clark concluded the program by honoring 55 Romulus Community Schools employees with special certificates for reaching significant career service milestones.

Romulus Board of Education president Celeste Roscoe, vice-president Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and trustee Cheryle Buckley assisted Administrative Office secretaries Carole Bales and Robin Omei in handing out the award certificates.

Ten Years of Service

Pamela Boyd, Wade Cook, DeAnn Covert, Martin Henison, Serena Kessler, Robin Kiser, Roxanne Kucharski, Laura Love, Nancy Mahalak, Cynthia Mullin, Thomas Patterson, Phillip Rossman, Danny Solgot, Rebecca Weimer, Donna Wilson, Judy Wilson, and Karl Wukie.

Fifteen Years of Service

Cynthia Coak, Barbara Collier, Sandra Czajkowski, Joyce Evans, Debra Fabrizio, Patricia Hamlet, David Isaacs, Darlene Oswald, Josephine Prater, and Faith Sheptoski-Forbush.



(Front, from left) "Thirty-five Years of Service" honorees Delores Raub (learning specialist, Merriman Elementary), Dorothy West (principal, Cory Elementary), and Don Foley (assistant principal, Romulus High School), and "Forty Years of Service" honoree Karen Richard (kindergarten teacher, Barth Elementary) were congratulated by Romulus Community Schools Board of Education president Celeste Roscoe, trustee Cheryle Buckley, and vice-president Kenneth Mientkiewicz, as well as (back, from left) superintendent Carl J. Weiss and Human Resources Department director Edward Clark.

Twenty Years of Service

Theola Austin-McKay, Jill Avery, Cynthia Bennett, Brenda Brazynetz, DiAnne Chapman, William Garland, Christine Harris, Doris Lipford, Linda Maich, Leo O'Connor, Jr., Carol Plave, Carol Weidemann, and Donzella Williams.

Twenty-five Years of Service

Thelma Foch, Charles Hughes, and Connie Nowland.

Thirty Years of Service

John DeForest, Linda Goulette, Consuelo Knight, Estella Knight, Robin Omei, Shirley Soltesz, and Marlene

Spitza.

Thirty-five Years of Service

Brenda Clark, Don Foley, Delores Raub, and Dorothy West.

Forty Years of Service

Karen Richard.

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Employee Milestones



Romulus Community Schools employees who have reached 10-year service milestones include (from left) Donna Wilson, Rebecca Weimer, Cynthia Mullin, Thomas Patterson, and Karl Wukie.



Additional 10-year employees who were honored for service to the district are (from left) Pamela Boyd, DeAnn Covert, Serena Kessler, Robin Kiser, Laura Love, and Nancy Mahalak.



Among the employees with 15 years of service are (from left) Faith Sheptoski-Forbush, Cynthia Coak, Sandra Czajkowski, Josephine Prater, Joyce Evans, Debra Fabrizio, Patricia Hamlet, and David Isaacs.



Employees who have reached the 20-year milestone include (from left) Leo O'Connor, Jr., Doris Lipford, William Garland, Christine Harris, Linda Maich, and Carol Weidemann.



Also among the district's 20-year service veterans are (from left) Theola Austin-McKay, Jill Avery, Cynthia Bennett, Diane Chapman, and Brenda Brazynetz.



Employees with 25 or 30 years include (from left) Linda Goulette (30), Charles Hughes (25), Thelma Foch (25), John DeForest (30), Robin Omev (30), and Shirley Soltesz (30).

Barth Elementary Spirit Week Raised \$1,090 for Charity



Among those taking part in Barth Elementary's Spirit Week charity presentation program were: (from left) front – Marica Taylor, Taylor Kuss, Catherine Pappas (Ronald McDonald House), Florence Klein (Helping Hand Thrift Shop), Derrien Cooley, and Larkin Randall; back – Ben Satterlee and Dayna Hearod (with check for the 34th District Court's Romulus Foundation), Rosie Lovelady and Holly Hammonds (with check for the American Heart Association), and Savannah Moffat, Kayte Nickel, and Katrina Bunyak (with check for the Spina Bifida Association).

Barth Elementary principal Diane Golka and physical-education teacher Sheila Stasak were pleased to announce that their school's students had once again extended themselves and raised \$1,090 for area charities.

"Through our Spirit Week program, we try to recognize five charities each year, and designate each day as a special fund-raising day for one of the specific charities chosen," Golka explained. "We had special days, such as Crazy Hat Day and Pajama Day, and students who participated in the events solicited contributions for their efforts."

Barth concluded its Spirit Week with an assembly that honored each charity,

and presented representatives with a large ceremonial check as well as a real check for their humanitarian causes. The representatives explained what their organizations do and how the donated money will help them with their work, and thanked the students for their good-will efforts.

This year's donation recipients included Ronald McDonald House (which received \$216.62), the Helping Hand Thrift Store of Romulus (\$168.61 plus three boxes of canned goods), the 34th District Court's Romulus Foundation (\$175.52), the American Heart Association (\$219.13), and the Spina Bifida Association (\$259.62). □

Summer Reading Program Wraps Up

The Romulus Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program drew to a close last month after terrific participation from area residents. Nearly 180 children from Romulus, Huron Township, and surrounding areas participated in "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales," reading for a collective 120,113 minutes.

The end-of-program party, held at the library on August 2, began with an awards ceremony honoring several youths for outstanding achievements in reading. The honorees included Aaron Hayse, top reader for grades two through six; and Carson Selwa, the top reader in the "age five and under" division. Each youth who received an award was given a certificate, gift card, and T-shirt.

Several Romulus teens also enjoyed summer reading programs, which concluded with a pizza party. Library spokespersons said they would have liked to have had more local teens join the program or participate as volunteers. Maybe next year ...

The Library would like to thank area merchants like Meijer (Belleville), Comerica, Skateland West, and McDonald's for their generous donations to the program.

They also expressed their appreciation to all the program's sponsors – including the Friends of the Romulus Library, the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, the Romulus Rotary Club, and the Huron Rotary Club – for their support. □

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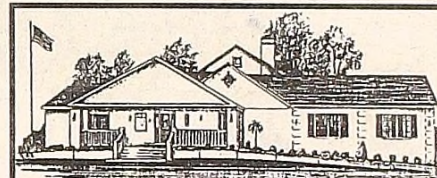
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Recreation Programs

For more information about these or other programs sponsored by the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, stop in at the Recreation Office (located at 11189 Shook) or call 734-941-8665. Unless otherwise noted, registration for all programs should be made at the Recreation Office during its normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Special Events

Daddy/Daughter Dance

The annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held in the Romulus High School cafeteria on Wednesday, October 11th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A cost of \$12 per couple plus \$4 for each additional daughter covers admission and pizza. Deadline for registration is 5 p.m. on Monday, October 9th.

Arts & Crafts Classes

Ages 3–adult can take part in these one-day classes, which will be taught in the Recreation Building.

- "Blue Jeans" Theme – Saturday, September 30th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Halloween Theme – Saturday, October 28th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Fall Theme – Saturday, November 18th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost is \$5 (cash only) per class, to be paid upon arrival. No preregistration.

Youth Programs

Friday Fun Nights

Friday Fun Nights – a drop-in program open to ages 4–13 – will be held at the Recreation Building from 6 to 9 p.m. from September 22nd through November 17th.

Cost is \$3 (cash only) per evening, to be paid upon arrival. Parents will be charged a late fee of \$5 for every 15 minutes that their child remains at the site after 9 p.m. No preregistration.

FREE After-school Open Gym

"Open Gym" for children in grades K–6 will run until 5:30 p.m. at Romulus Elementary (Mondays), Cory Elementary (Wednesdays), and Halecreek Elementary (Fridays) from September 18th through November 17th.

Although the program is free, parents will be charged a late fee of \$5 for every 15 minutes that their child remains at the site after 5:30 p.m. To register, parents should send a permission slip with their child on the first day.

After-school Soccer

Children in grades 3–6 can participate in this popular league, which features practices and games on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 19th through November 9th. Practices will be held at each elementary (Barth, Cory, Halecreek, Merriman, Romulus, and Wick) directly after school; games will be at 4 p.m. at alternating schools. *No transportation is provided.*

A cost of \$30 includes a T-shirt. Preregister by Friday, September 15th.

Note: Volunteer coaches are needed. Call the Recreation Office for details.

Open Basketball For Romulus Teens

Romulus teens (ages 13–17; ID required) may participate in "drop-in" basketball at Romulus Middle School from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays from September 18th through December 18th.

Cost is \$2 (cash only) per evening, to be paid upon arrival.

Beginning Tumbling (Metro Cheer)

Ages 7–14 will learn fundamental tumbling skills (cartwheels, roundoffs, handstands, back-walkovers) in this class, which will meet in the Romulus High School wrestling room from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday from September 18th through October 9th.

Cost is \$36. Preregister by Friday, September 15th.

Gymnastics (Tumble Bunnies)

Children ages 2–7 will try out a variety of equipment (trampolines, bars, beams, wedge mats, etc.) in these classes, which will meet at the Recreation Center on Tuesdays from September 19th through December 19th according to the following schedule:

- age 2 (parents & tots): 5:30 to 6 p.m.
- ages 3–4: 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- ages 5–7: 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$51. Preregister by Friday, September 15th.

Cheer Tots (Metro Cheer)

Children ages 4–6 will learn basic moves and jumps through Cheer Tots, which will meet in the Romulus High School wrestling room from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Monday from September 18th through October 9th.

Cost is \$30. Preregister by Friday, September 15th.

Cheerleading (Cheer America)

Boys and girls ages 4–15 will learn choreographed pom-pom/dance routines and popular skills required for school tryouts in these 45-minute classes, to be offered at Romulus Elementary on Thursday evenings from September 21st through January 11th. (Class times TBA.)

Cost is \$6 per week plus an annual nonrefundable registration fee of \$6. Pom-poms will be available for \$12. Registration will be held at Romulus Elementary on Thursday, September 21st, at 6 p.m.

Hip-Hop Dance (Cheer America)

These 45-minute classes, featuring a fast pace and great songs, will meet at Halecreek Elementary each Tuesday evening from September 19th through January 16th. (Class times TBA.)

Cost is \$6 per week plus an annual nonrefundable registration fee of \$6. Registration will be held at Halecreek on Tuesday, September 19th, at 6 p.m.

Hip-Hop Dance (Metro Cheer)

Travel locally to compete in this class, which will meet in the Romulus High School dance room Mondays from September 18th through October 9th according to the following schedule:

- preK–first grade: 5 to 6 p.m.
- second–fourth grades: 6 to 7 p.m.
- fifth–eighth grades: 7 to 8 p.m.
- males only (ages 10–17): 8 to 9 p.m.

Cost is \$32. Preregister by Friday, September 15th.

Jazz Dance (Jitterbugs)

Boys and girls ages 5–11 will learn basic movements in these classes, which will meet in the Romulus High School dance room Wednesdays from September 27th through December 20th according to the following schedule:

- ages 5–6: 5:30 to 6 p.m.
- ages 7–11: 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$75 for ages 5–6, and \$89 for ages 7–11. Preregister by Friday, September 22nd.

Jazz/Modern Dance Team (Jitterbugs)

Learn more advanced movements in this class, open only to selected students ages 12 and up. Classes will meet in the Romulus High School dance room from 8:15 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays from September 27th through December 20th.

Cost is \$89. Preregister by Friday, September 22nd.

Ballet (Jitterbugs)

Boys and girls ages 5–11 will learn basic movements in a fun environment. Classes will meet in the Romulus High School dance room Wednesdays from September 27th through December 20th according to the following schedule:

- ages 5–6: 5 to 5:30 p.m.
- ages 7–11: 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Cost is \$75 for ages 5–6, and \$89 for ages 7–11. Preregister by Friday, September 22nd.

Ballet Dance Team (Jitterbugs)

Learn more advanced movements in this class, open only to selected students ages 12 and up. Classes will meet in the Romulus High School dance room from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesdays from September 27th through December 20th.

Cost is \$89. Preregister by Friday, September 22nd.

Youth–Adult Classes

Tennis

Sharpen your tennis skills in this popular class, to be held at the Romulus Middle School tennis courts from September 18th through October 25th according to the following schedule:

- intermediate/advanced (grades 4 and up): Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- adult: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$35 for youths, \$45 for adults. Preregister by Friday, September 15th.

Hula

Ages 5–adult can take hula lessons at the Recreation Center from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Friday from September 22nd to October 27th.

Cost is \$35. Preregister by Thursday, September 21st.

Interpretive Dance

This Christian dance class, open to sixth-graders and up, will meet at the Recreation Center from 7 to 8 p.m. each Thursday from September 28th through November 2nd.

Cost is \$35. Preregister by Wednesday, September 27th.

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Fall Recreation Programs

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Tang Soo Do (Martial Arts)

Ages 3–adult will learn hand-to-hand combat and self-defense techniques in this class, which will meet at the Recreation Center from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 19th through October 26th.

Cost is \$35 for one person, \$65 for two immediate family members, and \$100 for three. Preregister by Friday, September 15th.

Adult Programs

Decorating with Nikki (of Blessings)

Learn how to decorate on a budget! Topics include "Decorating Simple Light Fixtures," "Window Treatments," "Floral Decorating," and "Trash Diving." Class meets in the Recreation Building from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays from September 28th through November 2nd.

Cost is \$65. Preregister by Wednesday, September 27th.

Hatha and Kundalini Yoga

Learn gentle hatha or kundalini yoga in classes offered at the Recreation Center according to the following schedule:

- hatha: 12 to 12:45 p.m. Mondays, October 2nd through November 6th (\$36)
- hatha: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, October 3rd through November 14th (\$45)
- kundalini: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, October 2nd through November 6th (\$45)

Register by Friday, September 29th.

Ballroom Dancing

Ages 16 and up will learn the fundamentals of cabaret-style ballroom dancing in this class, held in the Halecreek Elementary cafeteria each Monday from September 11th through December 18th according to the following schedule:

- beginning: 7 to 8 p.m.
- intermediate: 8 to 9 p.m.

Cost is \$8 per class. Punch cards will be available. No preregistration. □

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REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 14, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 14, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member April Frayer was excused. Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/06/11 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

8/06/12 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2006; the Study Session of July 31, 2006; the Study Session of August 2, 2006; the Study Session of August 3, 2006; and the Study Session of August 7, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION RESOLUTION:

8/06/13 Moved by White, supported by Buckley, that the Board of Education will compensate each member for attendance of district activities at the rate of \$2,000 each year. This compensation is payable after July 1 of each year. Board members will submit a log of activities attended to the President of the Board of Education at the end of each school year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATION: Maureen Brennan, Teacher, Halecreek Elementary, Effective August 3, 2006; and Paul Polanski, Science Teacher, Romulus High School, Effective August 7, 2006.

8/06/14 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION – FYI: Gary Androne, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective June 20, 2006; and Marlo Walker, Secretary II, Romulus High School, Effective July 11, 2006.

Bills for Payment

8/06/15 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Buckley, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mrs. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Award Bid for ADA Improvements to Administrative Building

8/06/16 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education award LDS Contractors, Inc., the bid in the amount of \$47,100 to \$48,300 for ADA Improvements at the Administration Building. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Surplus Vehicles

8/06/17 Moved by White, supported by Buckley, that the Board of Education declare surplus two (2) buses as follows:

Year	Bus #	Mileage
1990	1	164,947.9
1990	7	123,610.2

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Video – 2005–2006 School Year in Review

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, informed the Board of Education that the district's cable channel has been updated, and that a 2005–2006 overview of the district is available for public review.

Election – MASB Board of Directors

8/06/18 Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education cast its ballot for Lynda S. Jackson, nominated by the Wayne RESA Board of Education in Wayne County, as their candidate of choice for MASB Board of Directors. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Robert McLachlan appeared before the Board of Education with concerns about charges for FOIA and the Superintendent's contract.

Mr. Jason Salhaney, President of REA, addressed the Board of Education, and talked about concerns with the Teachers' Contract and imposing a school calendar. He also stated that teachers will continue to deliver a top-notch program.

Ms. Kim Wells, President of Local 64, appeared before the Board of Education, and stated that there were rumors about the district outsourcing custodial work. Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, stated that there were no plans to outsource Local 64 work.

Ms. Alice Clubb appeared before the Board of Education, asking about improvements on the administration building. Mrs. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations, stated that this was in compliance with ADA, and was the result of a Civil Rights audit. The building needs to be updated to comply with ADA requirements for disabled persons.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Communication Sent to Halecreek/Merriman Parents; 2) Communication Sent to Highland Park Subdivision Residents; 3) Communication Sent to Parents District-wide; 4) School of Choice Brochure; 5) Communication from Hoon-Yung Hopgood; 6) Communication from Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, Re: AP Tests; and 7) Communication to Mark Woodson, Director of Athletics.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

There were no questions or concerns of Board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8/06/19 Moved by White, supported by Buckley, to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote – Ayes: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

8/06/20 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, to reconvene in Regular Session of the Board of Education. Roll call vote – Ayes: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION – SCHOOL CALENDAR, 2006–2007

8/06/21 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution as presented for a 2006–2007 School Calendar.

WHEREAS, in the exercise of its statutory authority, on July 24, 2006, the Board of Education of the Romulus Community Schools established the starting day of the 2006–2007 school year as September 5, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and the Wayne County MEA/NEA are currently involved in collective bargaining negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement to the September 24, 2004 through August 15, 2006 collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, those negotiations have not produced an agreement with respect to the 2006–2007 school calendar; and

WHEREAS, it is now August 14, 2006, and it is now critical for the community, parents, students, and employees of the Romulus Community Schools to have a school calendar for the 2006–2007 school year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, subject to further negotiations and agreement with the Wayne County MEA/NEA, the Board of Education of the Romulus Community Schools hereby adopts the attached school calendar, which includes 180 days of student instruction and 185 teacher working days, and directs members of the bargaining unit represented by the Wayne County MEA/NEA to report for duty accordingly at their directed starting times.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/06/22 Moved by Buckley, supported by White, to adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Niema White, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

Obituaries

Martin J. McGrane

Martin J. McGrane of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2006, at the age of 47.

Martin was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, on Monday, June 15, 1959. An avid collector of classic cars, record albums, and hats, he was also a huge Detroit Pistons basketball fan, and enjoyed traveling, playing poker, and – most importantly – golf!

Surviving Martin are his father and stepmother, Bernard and Vira (Petraska) McGrane (Wayne, MI); 3 brothers, Patrick (Cynthia) McGrane (Carleton, MI), Christopher (Barbara) McGrane (Longmont, CO), and Bernard (Stephanie) McGrane III (Elkhart, IN); 3 sisters,

Denise (Russell) Harris (Romulus, MI), Michelle (Gerald) Weidemann (Lincoln Park, MI), and Lucia Ochs (Wayne); 14 nephews and nieces; and 13 great-nephews and -nieces.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his mother, Mary Ellen (Searle) McGrane, and a brother, Matthew G. McGrane.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 6, at St. Mary Catholic Church (Wayne), with Father Jack Baker officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus). Memorial tributes to the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund would be appreciated.

Lorene M. Reading

Lorene M. Reading of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, September 3, 2006, at the age of 70.

Lorene was born in Puxico, Missouri, on Saturday, June 13, 1936. A former singer in country-music bands, she enjoyed karaoke, shopping, bingo, bowling, and fishing, as well as traveling to Missouri to visit her brothers.

Surviving Lorene are her husband, Ralph Reading; 2 daughters, Deborah Yoh (Romulus, MI) and Shelia Noble (Romulus); a stepson, Edward (Lisa) Reading (GA); 3 stepdaughters, Michelle Baker (Milford, MI), Ruth (Adam) Katz

(GA), and Marilyn Williams (GA); 2 brothers, Arb Box (Belleville) and Mervin (Kathy) Box (Warrenton, MO); 4 grandchildren; 9 stepgrandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Cleveland and Dolly (Watson) Box, and 2 sisters, Grace and Louise.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, September 7, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Fred Weaver (New Abundant Life Church of God) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

John J. "Happy Jack" Sharrow

John J. "Happy Jack" Sharrow of Romulus, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, August 29, 2006, at the age of 64.

John was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Saturday, February 21, 1942. He enjoyed playing the lottery and gambling in general, doing yard work, taking trips in his motor home, and eating out.

Surviving John are his wife, Donna (Kiser) Sharrow; a son, John R. Sharrow (Romulus); 2 daughters, Anita L. Sharrow (Carleton, MI) and Remona Sharrow (Romulus); 2 brothers, Donald G. Shar-

row (Arcadia, FL) and Chuck (Brenda) Sharrow (Romulus); and 8 grandchildren.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Donald D. and Bernetta C. (Lawrence) Sharrow, and a sister, Elva M. Hankins.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, September 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor J.B. Varney (Tecumseh Freewill Baptist Church) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Memorials to any charitable organization would be appreciated.

Marvin L. Szpotek

Marvin L. Szpotek of Lincoln Park, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at the age of 62.

Marvin was born in Detroit, Michigan, on November 11, 1943. He enjoyed coaching sports (Little League Baseball and Football), watching sports, and reading.

Surviving Marvin are his daughter, Denise Sporter; a sister, Judith (Robert) Chrzanowski; and 2 grandchildren.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Arthur and Valerie (Stubblefield) Szpotek.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 5, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Memorial tributes to St. Aloysius Church or the American Heart Association would be greatly appreciated. □

Obituary

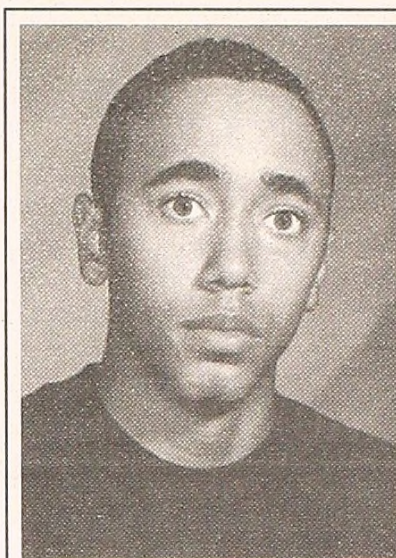
Tommylee Kirk Gebo

Tommylee Kirk Gebo of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, August 23, 2006. He was 22 years old.

Tommylee was born in Wayne, Michigan, on October 19, 1983. He confessed his faith in Christ by the age of 7, and was teaching Adult Sunday School at age 9, standing on a chair to reach the microphone.

The Romulus High School graduate was a smart, charismatic young man whose outgoing personality, wry sense of humor, generosity, and willingness to help others will be greatly missed.

Surviving Tommylee are his mother, Sandi Marie; his grandparents, Fitzhugh and Deena Houston; his sister, Shangri Angel Marie "Pooh" Stevens; an aunt, Dee Dee (David) Williams; 3 nephews, Lorenzo, Di'Rizzo, and Di'Zhad; a niece, De'Hada; 5 special cousins, David Jr., Jessica, Justin, Derrick, and Courtney; 11 great-aunts; and 3 great-uncles, as well as his longtime friend, Justin Rodabaugh.



Tommylee Gebo

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 29, at Amity Baptist Church (Inkster, MI), with the Reverend Anthony B. Eaddy, pastor, officiating. Interment was at Sunset Hill Cemetery (Ypsilanti, MI).

Final Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home (Inkster). □

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